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- On 20 March 1953 the Kwangsi Provincial Government established the Kwangsi Forestry Industry Bureau at Liuchou (N 24-18, E 109-16) to implement the lumber supply program of the Central Government.¹ The Bureau is under the joint direction of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry of the Central and South China Administrative Committee and the Kwangsi Finance and Economics Committee. The purpose of the Bureau was to organize lumber offices, unify lumber procurement, develop by-product industries, and direct mechanization of lumber operations. It controlled four sub-bureaus and two lumber centers. The sub-bureaus were at Liuchou, Ishan (N 24-33, E 108-38), Lungan (N 23-10, E 107-36), and Junghsien (N 22-54, E 110-34); the lumber centers were at Liuchou and Kueih sien (N 23-02, E 109-40).
- With the establishment of the Kwangsi Forestry Industry Bureau, the scope of activity of the Kwangsi Forestry Bureau was reduced to include forestation; forest protection; seed selection; cultivation of shoots; technical guidance; and management of state-owned forest areas.
- The forestation program for Kwangsi for 1953 covered an area of 1,000,000 mou (3965) for forestation and an area of 4,680 mou for cultivation of shoots. The principal trees of the forestation program were cryptomeria, pine, anise star, and the Chinese tallow tree (*sapium sebiferum*). Planting of wood oil and tea-seed trees was to be discontinued.

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- Comment. According to an NCNA announcement of 3 April 1953, a very extensive forest survey will be carried out in China during 1953 to determine methods for increasing the country's timber reserves and for developing new forests to meet industrial and agricultural needs.

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